

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 18, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Chair Essmann
Rep. Ehli
Rep. G. Hertz
Rep. Lavin
Rep. B. Smith
Rep. White

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 156, 1/12/2017; HB 171, 1/12/2017; HB 175, 1/12/2017

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:09 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 156, Extend statutory appropriation from hard rock mining impact trust account.

Proponents:

00:02:43 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(tah13a01)

00:05:51 Maureen Davey, Stillwater County

EXHIBIT(tah13a02)

00:08:39 Mike Reynolds, Absarokee School District

EXHIBIT(tah13a03)

00:13:17 Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County

00:15:11 Donna von Nieda, Absarokee School Board

00:18:53 Jeff Bermes, Columbus School District

00:20:04 Alvin Buerkle, Sweetgrass County High School

00:23:19 Jim Hart, Madison County Commission, Hard Rock Mining Coalition

00:24:04 Bill Wallace, Sweetgrass County

00:26:30 Laura Obert, Broadwater County, Hard Rock Mining Coalition

00:27:43 Scott Mendenhall, Self

00:31:11 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

00:34:29 Bob Faw, Sweetgrass County

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:53 Rep. White

00:36:37 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

00:37:08 Rep. White

00:37:19 Megan Moore, LSD

00:38:10 Rep. Hamilton

00:38:38 Rep. Mandeville

00:39:16 Rep. Hamilton

00:39:31 Rep. Mandeville

00:39:53 Harold Blattie, MACo

00:40:34 Rep. Z. Brown

00:41:11 Rep. Mandeville

00:41:38 Rep. Fern

00:42:18 Alvin Buerkle

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:26 Rep. Mandeville

HEARING ON HB 171**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:37 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 171, Exempt military pensions from state income tax.

EXHIBIT(tah13a04)

Proponents:

00:48:04 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

00:51:48 Dennis Stoner, Enlisted Association of National Guard for Montana

17:52:56 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion

EXHIBIT(tah13a05)

Opponents:

00:56:42 Mike Kadas, Director of the Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:22 Rep. Hamilton

01:00:53 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:01:13 Rep. Hamilton

01:01:37 Rep. Welch

01:02:03 Rep. Trebas

01:02:31 Rep. Welch

01:02:41 Rep. Trebas

01:03:31 Rep. Dunwell

01:04:29 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

01:05:08 Rep. Dunwell

01:05:49 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

01:07:52 Rep. Beard

01:08:39 Roger Hagan, American Legion of Montana

01:11:25 Rep. White

01:12:51 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:13:22 Rep. Jacobson

01:13:40 Rep. Trebas

01:14:00 Rep. Jacobson

01:14:06 Rep. Trebas

01:14:22 Rep. Jacobson

01:14:39 Rep. Trebas

01:15:09 Rep. Redfield

01:15:22 Rep. G. Hertz joined the meeting

01:15:30 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:16:01 Rep. Dunwell

01:16:30 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:17:18 Rep. Hamilton

01:17:59 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:00 Rep. Trebas

HEARING ON HB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:50 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 175, Revise laws related to medical savings accounts.

EXHIBIT(tah13a06)

Proponents:

01:27:50 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses:

01:29:38 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue, (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:59 Rep. Fern
01:31:07 Rep. Hamilton
01:33:27 Rep. Beard
01:34:00 Rep. Hamilton
01:34:35 Rep. Abbott
01:35:11 Rep. Hamilton
01:35:58 Rep. Z. Brown
01:37:01 Rep. Hamilton
01:38:13 Rep. Z. Brown
01:38:24 Rep. Hamilton
01:39:47 Rep. Jacobson
01:40:20 Rep. Hamilton
01:41:13 Megan Moore, LSD
01:41:45 Rep. Welch
01:42:18 Rep. Abbott
01:42:35 Vice Chair Flynn
01:43:02 Rep. Hamilton
01:44:12 Vice Chair Flynn
01:44:44 Rep. Hamilton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:03 Rep. Hamilton

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:47:22

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah13aad.pdf](#))